

Response to Species Election Requirement. In response to the requirement for species election, Applicants elect, without traverse, SEQ ID NO:3 as the species to be examined on the merits. Claim 9 reads on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made remarks be made of record in the file history of the present application.

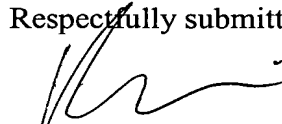
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing selection, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due in connection with this response. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, he is authorized to charge any required fee or credit any overpayment to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 8907-098-999).

Respectfully submitted,

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